New Threats

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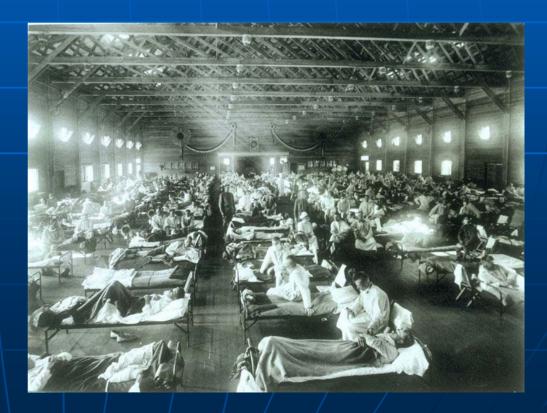
Program Objective

Discuss examples of new threats that impact on people or organizations.

A Look Back ...

1918-1919 Spanish Flu

- 50 million deaths worldwide
- ½ million deathsin USA



Would people listen now?



1957-1958 Asian Flu

70,000 deaths in USA



1968-1969 Hong Kong Flu

34,000 deaths in the USA

1991 Cholera Epidemic

- 400,000 cases in Latin America
- 4,000 deaths in 11 countries

1998: Dengue Fever

708,146 cases reported in 35 countries (most in Latin America)

2002: West Nile Virus

- 4,156 cases, worldwide
- 284 deaths

2003: West Nile Virus

1,856 cases, 37 deaths

2003: Monkeypox

37 confirmed cases in USA

2003: SARS

- 8,422 cases
- 916 deaths

Biggest New Threat?



New Threats to People and Programs

Some areas we'll discuss:

- Terrorism
- Suicide Bombers
- Dispersion Devices
- Pandemic Flu Outbreak
- Your ideas

Terrorism



Madrid Bombings

March 11, 2004



Suicide Bombers

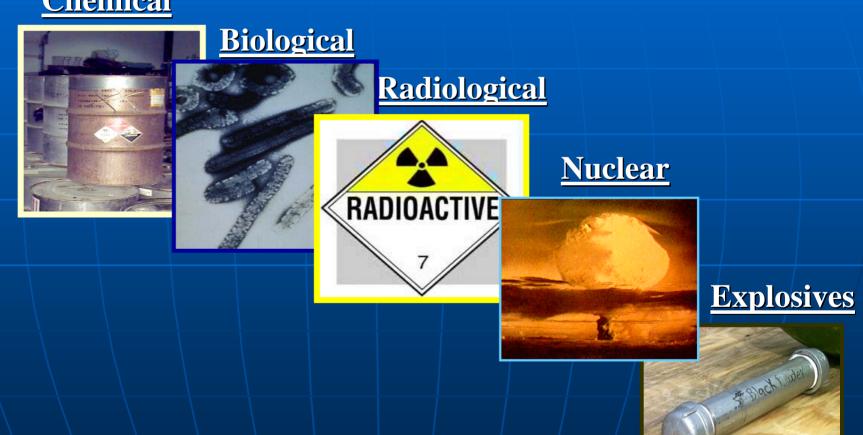
- Extremely effective in Iraq and Israel
- Already had a suicide bombing attack in US
 - September 11,2001





Dispersion Devices





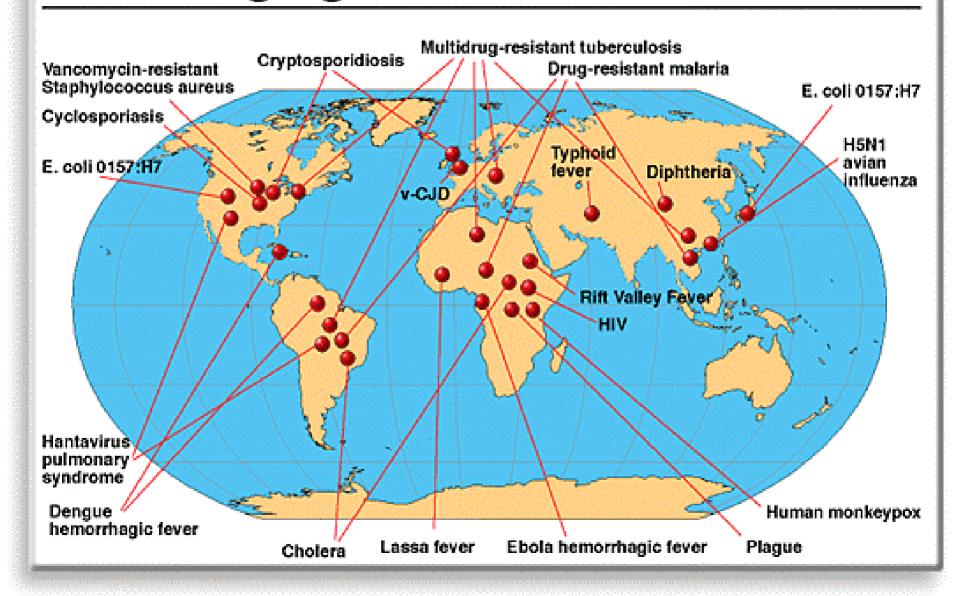
Bomb Tech Wisdom

- If the bomb can't go to the target, bring the target to the bomb.
- If you can see the bomb, the bomb can see you.
- Don't lick it or kick it.
- If you see us running, you'd better try to catch up!



Your Ideas?

Examples of Emerging and Re-Emerging Diseases



Catastrophic Natural Disasters





Some Issues

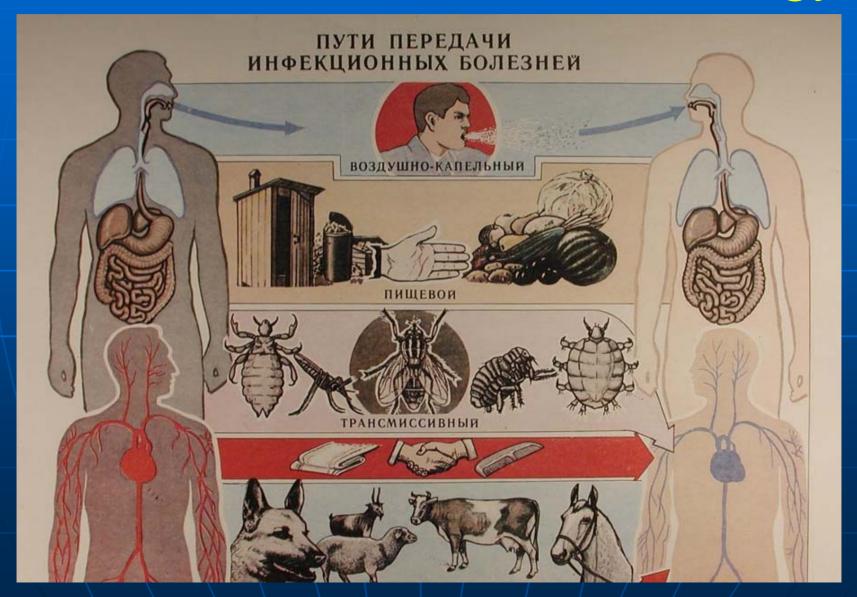
- Predictability of natural disasters.
- Governmental preparedness.
- Deployment of resources.
- Sustaining long-term operations.
- Disaster planning by the public.

Evacuation Plans



Source: Project on Biological Security and the Public, Harvard School of Public Health, March 21-25, 2003. 1015 adults.

Transfer of Russian Technology



Sverdlovsk Anthrax Outbreak of 1979



Category A Agents

Botulism
Ebola
Plague
Anthrax
Smallpox
Tularemia



Program Threats

- Apathy, once again!
- Competition for volunteers
- Sustainability of programs
- Other ideas?

Your Ideas?

Summary

- What's old is new.
- We covered some threats.
- But, learning transfer is up to you.